

# **RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

## **MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

**16 May 2007**

**A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date in the RI Department of Health, Health Policy Forum, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.**

**Board members in attendance were:**

**Francis Connor, DDS, Chairman**

**Henry Levin, DMD, Vice -Chairman**

**Kathleen Gazzola, RDH, Secretary**

**Andrew Molak, DMD**

**Michael Rubinstein, DDS**

**Richard Glick, DDS**

**Mary Lou Buonaccorsi**

**Joseph Box, DMD**

**Virginia Paine**

**Staff members in attendance were:**

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator**

**Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel**

**Robert Crausman, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Medical Licensure & Discipline**

**MaryAnne Miller, Chief, Primary Care**

**Maureen Ross, RDH, Oral Health Program Director**

**Others in attendance were:**

**Valarie Celentano. Executive Director, RIDA**

**Board members not in attendance:**

**Linda Rusack**

**Bernard Manchester**

**John Smith**

**The Chairman, called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 21 March 2007 meeting. Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Mrs. Gazzola, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.**

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**Dental Licensing Sub-Committee:**

**Dr. Glick reported that the following candidates had been licensed since the last meeting:**

**Marcus Vincent, DMD National Board & Nerb (2002)**

**Tufts University (2004)**

**License # DEN02966 Issue date: 03/28/07**

**Jeanine El-Maasri, DMD National Board & Nerb (2006)**

**Case Western (2006)**

**License # DEN02967 Issue date: 03/28/07**

**Derek Hathaway, DMD National Board & Nerb (2002)**

**Temple University (2002)**

**License # DEN02968 Issue date: 04/02/07**

**Romey Sabnani, DMD National Board & Nerb (2004)**

**Tufts University (2004)**

**License # DEN02969 Issue date: 04/04/07**

**Leslee Huggins, DMD National Board & Nerb (1994)**

**Baylor University (1994)**

**License # DEN02970 Issue date: 04/30/07**

**Bryan Beagan, DMD National Board & Nerb (2005)**

**Tufts School Dentistry (20056)**

**License # DEN02971 Issue date: 04/30/07**

**Elina Fooks, DMD National Board & Nerb (2000)**

**Tufts School Dentistry (2000)**

**License # DEN02972 Issue date: 05/09/07**

**Patrick McCarthy, DDS National Board & Wreb**

**Univ. of So. California (2004)**

**License # DEN02973 Issue date: 05/09/07**

**David M. Strange, Jr. DMD Natonal Board & Cen Reg.**

**Univ. of Colorado (1998)**

**License # DEN02974 Issue date: 05/11/07**

**Upon motion of Dr. Rubinstein, seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board approved the licensure of the aforementioned individuals.**

**Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure**

**Mrs. Gazzola reported that the following individual had been issued a local anesthesia permit since the last meeting.**

**Anne M. Thomsom NERB –Loc. Anesthesia 2007**

**Cape Cod C.C. 01/07 Lic. # DHA00516**

**Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Molak, the Board approved certification of the aforementioned individual to administer local anesthesia**

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**The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Levin, seconded by Mr. Manchester, the Board voted unanimously to enter into “Executive Session” at 8:40 a.m.**

**Ms. Celantano recused herself from the meeting at this time.**

**The Board returned to “Open Session” at 8:50 a.m.**

**At this time, Ms. Celantano returned to the open meeting.**

**Maryanne Miller provided the Board with an overview of the oral health program within the Office of Primary Care. At this time, Maureen Ross, Director of the Oral Health program addressed the Board with regard to Dr. Andy Snyder’s intention to hold a Grand Rounds session at Hasbro that will help to train physicians in dental**

caries management and application of fluoride varnish for young children at risk for early childhood caries (ECC), a potentially severe form of tooth decay. The Grand Rounds is a collaborative effort of Hasbro, the pediatric dentistry residency program at St. Joe's, the general practice residency at the Samuels-Sinclair dental center, and United HealthCare (the vendor for the new Rite Smiles program).

Mrs. Gazzola expressed concern with individuals other than dental hygienists or dental assistants carrying out these procedures. However, Dr. Crausman advised the Board that it is within the scope of practice of a physician to delegate procedures to any properly trained individual under his or her supervision. After discussion, the Board expressed its desire to attend the Grand Rounds session to address the issue of setting standards with regard to the training requirements. Dr. Connor will contact Dr. Andy Snyder to facilitate the Board's request.

Dr. Connor requested that any decisions ratified as well as, any public business discussed during the "Closed Executive Session" be made public for the record, to be disclosed in the "Open Meeting".

### **Decisions Ratified in Closed Session**

No decisions were ratified nor public business discussed during the closed session

## **Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes**

**The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 21 March 2007 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Molak, seconded by Mrs. Gazzola, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 21 March 2007.**

**At this time, the Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Chairman: Upon motion of Dr. Rubinstein, seconded by Mrs. Gazzola, Dr. Henry Levin was nominated and unanimously approved as Chairman.**

**Dr. Richard Glick, nominated Dr. Rubinstein for vice-chairman. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Levin and unanimously approved by the Board..**

**Ms. Buonaccorsi nominated Mrs. Gazzola for secretary. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Levin and unanimously approved by the Board.**

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**The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 20 June 2007 in the Health Policy Forum (Lower Level).**

**Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Rubinstein, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Francis Connor, DDS, Chairman**

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